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Westminster, May 21.

THIS Day, the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by Sir Francis Molyneux, Knt. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *the Lords, authorized by Virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, impowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great-Britain, the Lord President of the Council, and several other Lords therein mentioned, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for raising a certain Sum of Money by Loans or Exchequer Bills, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

An Act for granting to His Majesty several Duties on Coaches, and other Rates and Duties upon Indentures, Leases, Bonds, and other Deeds, and upon Cards, Dice, and Newspapers; and for raising the Sum of Two Millions by Annuities and a Lottery to be attended with Annuities.

An Act for enabling His Majesty to raise the Sum of One Million for the Uses and Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the further Encouragement of the Whale Fishery carried on from Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions in Europe; and for regulating the Fees taken by the Officers of the Customs in the Island of Newfoundland.

An Act for granting further Time for allowing the Drawback upon the Exportation of Muslin and Callicoes imported by the East-India Company, in the Years One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three and One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four; for allowing further Time to the said Company to expose to Sale such Bohea and Singlo Teas and Coffee as remained unsold on the Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and also such Bohea Teas as shall be imported on or before a certain Time; and for allowing the Drawbacks on the Exportation of such Teas and Coffee; and for granting further Time for allowing the Drawback on the Exportation of Coffee imported in the Ship Shrewsbury in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three.

An Act to continue an Act made in the 5th Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act to prevent the committing of Frauds by Bankrupts; and also an Act made in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His present Mojesty, intituled, An Act to prohibit the Importation of Light Silver Coin of this Realm from Foreign Countries into Great Britain or Ireland, and to restrain the Tender thereof beyond a certain Sum.

An Act for allowing the Exportation of certain Quantities of Wheat and other Articles to His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in America, and to the Island of St. Helena and to other Settlements belonging to the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, and of Biscuit and Pease to Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Bay Chaleur, and Labrador; and for indemnifying all Persons with Respect to advising or carrying into Execution His Majesty's Orders of Council already made, for allowing the Exportation of Wheat and other Articles.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors; and for the Relief of Bankrupts in certain Cases.

An Act for allowing Corn, Grain, and Flour, imported into the Port of Preston, to be landed without Payment of the Duties, under the like Restrictions as Corn, Grain, and Flour is allowed to be landed at the several Ports mentioned in an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act to regulate the Importation and Exportation of Corn.

An Act for erecting a Lighthouse or Lighthouses and Landmarks in or near the Port of Chester; and for placing Buoys upon the Banks and Shoals leading into and in the said Port; and for regulating of Pilots and Persons towing or tracking of Vessels to and from the City of Chester; and for fixing the Rates payable for the same respectively.

An Act to declare His Majesty's natural-born Subjects inheritable to the Estates of their Ancestors, whether lineal or collateral, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, notwithstanding their Father or Mother were Aliens.

An Act to enable the Commissioners of Sewers for several Limits in the Eastern Parts of the County of Kent, more effectually to drain and improve the Lands and Grounds within the General Vallies.

An Act for repealing a Clause in an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into One Act of Parliament, the General Laws now in being for regulating the Turnpike Roads in that Part of Great Britain called England, and for other Purposes, which relate to the counter-sinking of the Tire of the Wheels of all Waggons, Wains, and other Carriages to be used on Turnpike Roads; and for explaining a Provision in the said Act with respect to the Felliet and Tire of Carriages having the Fellies of the Wheels of the Gauge of Six Inches or upwards.

An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Charity Lands belonging to the Poor of Salford in the County Palatine of Lancaster, to grant Building Leases thereof.

An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the 12th Year of His present Majesty, for paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching, the Streets and Lanes in the Town and Parish of Chatham in the County of Kent, and for removing and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein; and to extend the Provisions of the said Act to such Parts of the High Street in Chatham as are situate in the Parishes of Saint Margaret and Gillingham, and to other Places adjoining or contiguous to the said Town.

An Act to continue and render more effectual several Acts of Parliament for repairing the Highways leading to Highgate Gatehouse, and Hampstead, and other Roads in the said Acts mentioned, in the County of Middlesex; and also to continue and render more effectual an Act to enable the respective Trustees of the Turnpike Roads leading to Highgate Gatehouse, and Hampstead, and from St. Giles's Pound to Kilbourn, to make a new Road from the Great Northern Road at Islington to the Edgware Roads near Paddington, so far as the same is by the said Act directed to be under the Care and Management of the Trustees of the said first mentioned Acts; and for making a Road from the said new Road near Queen's-Row to Bagnigge-Wash; and for watching, lighting, and watering, the said Roads.

An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of an Act passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Second, for repairing the Road leading from the Town of Ludlow in the County of Salop, through Woofferton and Little Hereford, to a Place

Place called Monk's Bridge, in the ſaid County; and alſo from the ſaid Town of Ludlow to a Place or Houſe called the Maidenhead, at Orleton in the County of Hereford.

And to Eighteen Private Bills.

St. James's, May 11.

LAST Sunday Evening the Ceremony of the Chriſtening of the Young Princeſs was performed in the Great Council Chamber by his Grace the Archbiſhop of Canterbury. Her Royal Highneſs was named Mary. The Sponſors were, Prince Frederick of Heſſe Caſſel, repreſented by the Earl of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſty's Houſehold; the Dutcheſs of Saxe-Gotha, repreſented by the Dutcheſs of Argyll; and, the Princeſs Fredericka of Mecklenburgh Strelitz, repreſented by the Dowager Counteſs of Effingham.

Peterſburg, April 26, N. S. This Afternoon, between Five and Six o'Clock, died after a few Days Illneſs, her Imperial Highneſs the Great Dutcheſs of Ruſſia. This fatal Event has given her Imperial Majeſty and the Great Duke the deepeſt Affliction; and her Loſs is moſt ſincerely and univerſally lamented throughout the Empire.

Stockholm, May 3. Laſt Week his Swediſh Majeſty held Chapters of his Orders, when Prince Potemkin was propoſed for that of Seraphims, and Count Zinzendorff, Envoy from the Court of Saxony, for the Polar Star. On Monday laſt, at the Annual Solemnity, they were named, and the Enſigns of theſe Orders will be diſpatched to them.

War-Office, May 21.

1ſt Regiment of Dragoons, Capt. Philip Goldſworthy is appointed to be Major, vice Wiltſhire Wilſon.

Ditto, Captain-Lieutenant Thomas Garth to be Captain, vice Philip Goldſworthy.

Ditto, Lieutenant James Wilkie to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Thomas Garth.

Ditto, Cornet William Spencer to be Lieutenant, vice James Wilkie.

1ſt Regiment of Foot Guards, Cornet James D'Auvergne, of the 1ſt Troop of Horſe Guards, to be Enſign, vice Charles Whitworth.

Royals, 2d Battalion, Thomas Fraſer, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Hugh Lamont.

Ditto, James M'Gregor, Gent. to be Enſign, vice David Anſtruther.

Royals, 2d Battalion, Enſign Duncan Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice Charles Cameron.

Ditto, Alexander Campbell, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Duncan Campbell.

Ditto, Enſign James Menzies to be Lieutenant, vice James Stewart.

Ditto, Charles Craufurd, Gent. to be Enſign, vice James Menzies.

Ditto, John Johnſon, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Duncan Campbell, ſen.

Ditto, Fielder King, Gent. to be Enſign, vice James Graham.

5th Regiment of Foot, Boyce Combe, Gent. to be Enſign, vice William Strickland.

6th Regiment of Foot, Edward Barlow, Gent. to be Enſign, vice William Bray.

7th Regiment of Foot, —— Marquiſs of Lindſay to be Lieutenant, vice John Campbell.

Ditto, Enſign Charles Helyar, of 32d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Stephen Harvey.

9th Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant George Swettenham to be Captain.

Ditto, Lieutenant Alexander Fraſer to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice George Swettenham.

10th Regiment of Foot, Richard Hankey, Gent. to be Enſign, vice George Montgomery Metham.

Ditto, Enſign Thomas Murray to be Lieutenant, vice John Arnold.

Ditto, John Blair, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Thomas Murray.

12th Regiment of Foot, Enſign Thomas Picton to be Quarter-Maſter, vice John Cleve Pleydell.

15th Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant John Lockhart to be Captain, vice Normand Lamont.

17th Regiment of Foot, Enſign James O'Brien to be Lieutenant, vice Boyd Porterfield.

Ditto, John Cox, Gent. to be Enſign, vice James O'Brien.

21ſt Regiment of Foot, Second Lieutenant Kenneth Mackenzie to be Firſt Lieutenant, vice Colin Mackenzie.

Ditto, Enſign —— Dalgleiſh, from the Dutch Service, to be Second Lieutenant, vice Kenneth Mackenzie.

Ditto, Alexander Robertſon, Gent. to be Second-Lieutenant, vice Charles Campbell.

25th Regiment of Foot, Enſign John Miller to be Lieutenant, vice Francis Skelly.

Ditto, —— Boiſdaune, Gent. to be Enſign, vice John Miller.

Ditto, Enſign Richard Roſe to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Goldie.

34th Regiment of Foot, Enſign Berkeley Thompſon to be Lieutenant, vice William Howe.

Ditto, Joſeph Sawkins, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Berkeley Thompſon.

56th Regiment of Foot, Enſign Meredith Chambre to be Lieutenant, vice John Hardy.

Ditto, Samuel Wood, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Meredith Chambre.

58th Regiment of Foot, Enſign —— Williamſon to be Lieutenant, vice Duncan Chriſholm.

Ditto, Enſign Cæſar Morriſon, from Half-pay, to be Enſign, vice —— Williamſon.

Ditto, Enſign Arthur Wetham to be Lieutenant, vice Hamilton Maxwell.

Ditto, Robert Douglas, Gent. to be Enſign, vice Arthur Whetham.

59th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Walter Haynes to be Captain, vice George Gray.

Ditto, Enſign George Cumine to be Lieutenant, vice Walter Haynes.

Ditto, Joſeph Wheeler, Gent. to be Enſign, vice George Cumine.

61ſt Regiment of Foot, Enſign John Barlow to be Quarter-Maſter, vice Benjamin Stuart.

70th Regiment of Foot, Enſign John Hacluit Smith to be Lieutenant, vice George Munro.

Ditto, Thomas Swymmer, Gent. to be Enſign, vice John Hacluit Smith.

Major Charles Vallancey, of the Engineers in Ireland, to be Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army.

St. James's, May 18, 1776.

WHereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, That on Tueſday Night laſt, about Nine o'Clock, Mr. William Philips was attacked near Little Chelſea, by Two Footpads, and on his refuſing to deliver them his Money, one of the Villains fired a large Horſe Piſtol at him, whereby he received two mortal Wounds, of which he languiſhed a ſhort Time, and then died: His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the ſaid Offenders, is hereby pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Perſon who actually fired the Piſtol) who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, ſo that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof; and alſo a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, (except as before excepted) to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

WEYMOUTH.

And as a farther Encouragement, Mr. James Bevill, at the Earl of Harrington's, does hereby promiſe a Reward of TWENTY POUNDS to any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, (except as before excepted) to be paid by him upon the Conviction of any one or more of the ſaid Offenders.

James Bevill.

St. James's, May 14, 1776.

WHereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, That about Twelve o'Clock on Sunday Night laſt, a Fire broke out in the Dwelling-Houſe of George Brown, French Trimming Maker and Taylor, in Ludgate-ſtreet, and that there is great Reaſon to believe the ſame was wilfully and maliciouſly ſet on Fire by

by Persons unknown; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in so atrocious a Crime, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any Person concerned in the same, (except the Person who actually did set Fire to the said House) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices in the same, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SUFFOLK.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the said George Brown doth hereby promise a Reward of THIRTY GUINEAS to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted) to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the said Offenders.

George Brown.

Victualling-Office, May 10, 1776.

THE Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 12th Day of June next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing (sealed up) and treat with such Persons as may be inclinable to undertake to furnish Fresh Beef to such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may touch at Hull, and be in Want thereof

The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office at the Victualling-Office, London, or by applying to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Hull.

And all Persons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the said Occasion are desired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that shall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the said 12th of June next; nor unless the Person who makes the Tender, or some Person on his Behalf, attends to answer for him when called for.

London, May 15, 1776.

A General Court of the Company of Proprietors of the Undertaking for Recovering and Preserving the Navigation of the River Dee, will be held at their Office over the Royal Exchange, on Wednesday the 5th of June next, at Twelve o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Election of a Committe-Man of the said Company for the Remainder of the Year, in the Room of a Gentleman who has disqualified himself. And Notice is hereby given, that the Dividend Warrants for the Half Year ending at Lady-day last, will be ready to be delivered and paid on Tuesday the 4th of June, and every Day after.

Thomas Lane, *Secretary.*

Admiralty-Office, May 16, 1776.

HIS late Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th Day of June, 1733, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Checque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places abovementioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. Belson, at the Admiralty-Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of Sea-Officers who died before the 30th of August, 1732, as well as to the Widows of those who died since that Time, whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, such Monies as may be due to them on the 31st of May instant; This is to give Notice, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do so as soon as possible; and that all such Widows, whose Claims have been already allowed, may send or bring to this Office, as soon as possible, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Pension or Bounty.

Bowen's Patent Sago Powder.

THE following Letter from Captain Cook is submitted to the Public, as a Proof of the great Utility of that valuable Discovery:

"Dear Sir,

"I send you herewith a Canister of your Sago Powder, "which has been in my Possession near Eight Years, having "had it two Voyages round the World, and in all Climates, "from the Extremes of Heat to that of Cold, without any "more Care being taken of it than might have been done to "any Quantity, and yet I do not find it is in the least injured, "but is now as good as ever. This Testimony I hope will "convince the Public, and stand as a remaining Proof of your "Merit, and it's Utility: And, Sir, you have my Leave to "make what Use you please of this my Testimony; and am, "Dear Sir, your most humble Servant,

Mile-end, May 7, 1776. "JAMES COOK."

FOR Sale by the Candle, at the New York Coffee-house, on Thursday the next, the 23d Instant, at Five o'Clock, A large and very valuable Quantity of Bengal and Madrass Muslins, which will be sold without Reserve, having been seized and cleared from the Custom-house, consisting of 753 Pieces Superfine Jacconots, Cords, Books, &c. Also 518 Pieces Books, Gold End Cossacs, Taffaties, and Bandannoes. To be viewed at Wheelhouse and Whitfield's Warehouses, in New Rents, St. Martin's le Grand; where Catalogues may be had, and at the Place of Sale.

ALL Persons who have any Demands on the Estate of Mary Soden, of St. Dunstan's in the East, Widow, Sugar cooper, deceased, are desired to send in an Account of their respective Claims, within fourteen Days from the Date hereof. And all Persons anyways indebted to the said Estate are requested forthwith to pay the same to Mrs. Crisp, at St. Dunstan's Hill, Tower-street. Dated May 18, 1776.

PUrsuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors (if any) of John Brooke, late of the Rolls-buildings, Fetter-lane, in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, deceased, are forthwith to come in and prove their Debts before Thomas Harris, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-inn, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

PUrsuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors, Legatees, and Annuitants, of Ruth Edge, late of Uppinham in the County of Rutland, Widow, deceased, are, on or before the last Day of Trinity Term next, to come in and prove their several Debts, and claim their respective Legacies and Annuities, before Peter Holford, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

PUrsuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors (if any) of Edward Bucknell, late of Walton upon Thames in the County of Surry, Gentleman, deceased, are peremptorily to come in and prove their Debts before Samuel Pechell, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, on or before the 10th Day of June next, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

PUrsuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Bowyer Leftwich Wynne, of Congleton in the County of Stafford, Esq; are forthwith to come in and prove their respective Debts before Peter Holford, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Peter Stokes, of Blackman-street, Southwark, in the County of Surry, Corn-chandler, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, on the 28th Day of May instant, at Six in the Afternoon, at Anderton's Coffee-house, in Fleet-street, London, in order to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity; and to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating to the said Bankrupt's Estate; and on other special Affairs. Enquire for Mr. Spotswood, Solicitor under the said Commission.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Cuerden, of the Parish of Saint James Westminster in the County of Middlesex, Smith, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 8th and 15th Days of June next at Five in the Afternoon, and on the 2d Day of July following at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to choose Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Pitt, in East Queen-Ann-street, Marybone.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Smith, of Stoke Ferry in the County of Norfolk, Grocer and Mercer, and he being declared a Bank-